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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL INQUIRY OF F. R. HARRIS, INC., CONSULT-
ING ENGINEERS

REF: CAIRO 9531; STATE 257132; MERRICK-MONTGOMERY TELECON
NOVEMBER 25

1. JEROME FISCHER INFORMS US THAT JOHN WARWAR, MIDDLE EAST
VICE PRESIDENT FOR F. R. HARRIS, INC., ARRIVES CAIRO
EVENING NOVEMBER 26 VIA ALITALIA FLIGHT FROM ROME. WILL
VISIT EMBASSY (MERRICK) AT OPENING OF BUSINESS, WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 27.

2. FYI ONLY. FISCHER SAYS SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY
(SCA) PROJECT MANAGER, WORKING CLOSELY WITH CHAIRMAN
MASHOUR, IS ENGINEER MONTASSER WITH OFFICES AT SCA HEAD-
QUARTERS IN CAIRO OR ISMAILIA. MONTASSER SAID TO BE
FAMILIAR WITH LIST OF PROSPECTIVE CONSULTANTS PASSED IN-
FORMALLY TO IBRD. FISCHER STILL EXPECTS PROJECT, INCLUD-
ING CONSULTANCY ISSUE, WILL BE VOTED BY IBRD BOARD ON
DECEMBER 6. FISCHER BELIEVES F.R. HARRIS, INC. NOT ON LIST
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OF PROSPECTIVE CONSULTANTS. WHILE WE ARE NOT IN POSITION

TO JUDGE, HE MAINTAINS THAT US FIRMS SO LISTED HAVE LITTLE
LIKELIHOOD OF WINNING CONTRACT, LOSS OF WHICH TO THIRD
COUNTRY FIRM WOULD PREJUDICE FUTURE US ROLE IN CANAL
DEVELOPMENT.

3. APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY DEVELOP. INGERSOLL

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